

January 23, 1952.

Dear Nick:

Thank you very much for sending the ms. of your Philadelphia talk. Is this a surplus copy, or would you like to have it back. If the latter, I will wait until you return from California to send it to you.

Do you think you might be able to visit Madison en route, at least for a couple of days? We would be very happy to have you here. February 29 to about March 6 or 7 we will be away; I hope this does not conflict with your return travel.

As to the ms., I am sure that your audience enjoyed it greatly, and I am pleased with it myself. If it is to be published, I see no reason why your comments on bacteria cannot be included also. However, although not unsuitable for a talk, Esther and I would be somewhat distressed if the comments about our personal relationship to each other were to appear in print, and it would be better not to mention Miss Zimmer at all.

Did anyone else at the symposium talk about bacterial sex? I thought some of Belemater's group might be represented, and wondered if any genetic data have been presented for *B. megaterium*.

Enjoy your trip, and do let us know if we can see you here.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg